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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: WORKING GROUP I, OCTOBER 7, 1975

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 32

1. SUMMARY. WORKING GROUP (BUCHHEIM, BAKER, HECKROTTE, TUNIK AND TIMERBAEV, NOVIKOV, KONASHKOV, ALEKSANDROV AND KOVALEV) MET 3:00 PM, OCTOBER 7. TIMERBAEV MADE BRIEF INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND HANDED OVER TEXT OF COMPLETE SET OF DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES, SUBMITTED AD REFERENDUM TO SOVIET DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. TIMERBAEV SAID IF THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS HE WOULD CONDUCT MEETING IN ENGLISH. SAID, AS EXPLAINED BY CHAIRMAN MOROKHOV YESTERDAY, SOVIET SIDE HAD SOME REMARKS ON US DRAFT TREATY. SAID HE WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL TODAY BECAUSE SEEMED BEST TO FIRST TASTE THE PUDDING. SAID WAS GIVING US SOME DRAFT TEXTS WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED AD REFERENDUM TO SOVIET DELEGATION AND HENCE WERE TO BE CONSIDERED AS MERELY ON LEVEL OF THIS WORKING GROUP. TEXT WAS NOT IN FORM OF AN INTEGRAL DRAFT TREATY BUT WAS A SET OF DRAFT ARTICLES WHICH IN TOTO COMPRISE IN ESSENCE A DRAFT TREATY. AS EXPLAINED YESTERDAY SOVIET SIDE HAD TRIED TO USE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE THE TEXT PREPARED BY US. ON SOME ISSUES THE LANGUAGE WAS IDENTICAL OR VERY CLOSE TO US TEXT AND ON OTHERS NEW

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LANGUAGE HAD BEEN PREPARED WHICH WAS MORE IN CONSONANCE

WITH SOVIET POSITION. SOVIET SIDE HAD AS GOAL TRYING TO WORK OUT DETAILS SO THIS GROUP WILL HAVE AN AGREED TEXT OR ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS ON CERTAIN ISSUES TO PRESENT TO RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

3. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHETHER ARTICLES PRESENTED WERE INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE ALL ARTICLES IN TREATY TEXT. TIMERBAEV REPLIED THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE ARTICLES WERE OMITTED, BUT TREATY TITLE AND CONCLUDING LANGUAGE ON PLACE AND DATE OF SIGNATURE HAD BEEN OMITTED. SOVIET DRAFT HAD FEWER ARTICLES THAN US TEXT. US DRAFT HAD TEN ARTICLES; SOVIET DRAFT HAD EIGHT. PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN ARTICLES HAD BEEN REFERRED TO YESTERDAY BY MOROKHOV.

4. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHETHER WE WERE TO ATTACH ANY IMPORTANCE TO ABSENCE OF US PROPOSED TITLE FROM SOVIE DRAFT. TIMERBAEV SAID OMISSION HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE -- THERE WERE MERELY CERTAIN DOUBTS AS TO USE OF WORDS "ON" AND "CONCERNING". SOVIETS WISHED TO BE SURE TITLE USED WORDS OF ARTICLE III OF TTBT.

5. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY ARTICLE IV OF SOVIET DRAFT. TIMERBAEV SAID THAT OTHER ARTICLES COULD COME INTO EFFECT AT A DIFFERENT TIME. HE SAID IDEA WAS INTENDED TO BE SAME AS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE I OF US TREATY PROVIDING FOR EXPLOSIONS CONDUCTED BY PARTIES AFTER MARCH 31, 1976. BUCHHEIM SAID THIS WAS NOT CLEAR BUT WE COULD DISCUSS LATER.

6. HECKROTTE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET DRAFT ARTICLE II PARA 3. TIMERBAEV SAID NUMBER THREE REFERS TO NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS IN A YEAR, WHETHER SUCH EXPLOSIONS WERE INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS OR PART OF A GROUP. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHETHER IT MEANT THREE DEVICES PER YEAR. TIMERBAEV SAID YES.

7. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHETHER SOVIET SIDE WOULD CARE TO COMMENT ON PROVISIONS IN US DRAFT WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN INCLUDED IN SOVIET DRAFT. TIMERBAEV SAID THEY

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HAD TRIED TO DO THIS IN YESTERDAY'S MEETING. THEY HAD SOUGHT TO EXPLAINING CERTAIN ASPECTS THEY CONSIDERED UNPRODUCTIVE OR WHICH DID NOT SEEM SATISFACTORY.

8. BUCHHEIM RECALLED THAT MOROKHOV HAD SAID FOR EXAMPLE THAT US DRAFT ARTICLE IV WAS NOT CLEAR. ASKED TIMERBAEV WHETHER HE COULD REPEAT WHY ARTICLE VI WAS CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE. TIMERBAEV ANSWERED BY READING FROM

MOROKHOV STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY ABOUT WORK CARRIED OUT IN IAEA LOOKING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE V OF NPT AND SAID THAT WAS WHY IT DID NOT SEEM JUSTIFIED TO FIX CONDITIONS IN A BILATERAL TREATY CONCERNING PROVISION OF SERVICES IN FIELD OF PNE'S TO OTHER COUNTRIES. THAT WAS REASON FOR OMISSION OF US DRAFT ARTICLE VI.

9. BUCHHEIM SAID USDEL WOULD STUDY DRAFT ARTICLES PRESENTED AND BE PREPARED TO MEET AGAIN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 8 ON TREATY ARTICLES IF SOVIET SIDE STILL NOT IN POSITION TO MEET AT THAT TIME IN WORKING GROUP ON PROTOCOLS. ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATION TO PROTOCOLS THAT USDEL NEEDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES. TIMERBAEV SAID HE KNEW OF NONE.

10. BUCHHEIM INDICATED ARTICLES PRESENTED WERE HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOVIET POSITION, AND NEXT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP TENTATIVELY SET FOR AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8.  
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